

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Osaka et al.

**GROUP:** 2166

**SERIAL NO:** 10/616,369

**EXAMINER:** N.K. Ahluwalia

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**FOR:** SEARCH SUPPORTING APPARATUS, SEARCH  
SUPPORTING SYSTEM, OPERATION INSTRUCTING  
TERMINAL, SEARCH SUPPORTING METHOD, AND  
OPERATION INSTRUCTING SYSTEM

**Commissioner of Patents**

**P.O. Box 1450**

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**Sir:**

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: